

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 19-23, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates a side-by-side refrigerator 100 including a fresh food storage compartment 102 and freezer storage compartment 104. ~~Freezer compartment~~ Fresh food compartment 102 and ~~fresh food compartment~~ freezer storage compartment 104 are arranged side-by-side. A side-by-side refrigerator such as refrigerator 100 is commercially available from General Electric Company, Appliance Park, Louisville, KY 40225.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 31, through page 10, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 8 is a top perspective view of air handler 162 with air handler cover 196 (shown in Figure 3) removed. A plurality of straight and curved partitions 250 at least partially define a passageway including an air supply flow path 252, a return flow path 254, and/or a re-circulation flow path 256. A duct cavity member base 258 is situated adjacent a conventional dual damper element 260 for opening and closing access to return path 254 and supply path 252 through respective return and supply airflow ports 262, 264 respectively. A conventional single damper element 266 opens and closes access between return path 254 and supply path 252 through an airflow port 268, thereby selectively converting return path 254 to an additional re-circulation path as desired for air handler thaw and/or quick chill modes. A heater element 270 is attached to a bottom surface 272 of re-circulation path 256 for warming air in a quick thaw mode, and a fan 274 is provided in supply path 252 for drawing air from supply path 252 and forcing air into quick chill and thaw pan 122 (shown in Figure 2) at a specified volumetric flow rate through vane 192 (shown in Figures 3-7) located downstream from fan 274 for dispersing air entering quick chill and thaw pan 122. Temperature sensors 276 are located in flow communication with re-circulation path 256 and/or return path 254 and are operatively coupled to a microprocessor (not shown in Figure 8) which is, in turn, operatively coupled to damper elements 260, 266, fan 274, and heater element 270 for temperature-responsive operation of air handler 162.